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ORGANIC CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified areas for organic paddy, wheat, vegetable horticulture and flower cultivation;

(b) if so, the names of States and locality in which such organic cultivation is being taken up;

(c) the advantages likely to be obtained by farmers in adopting organic agriculture/horticulture and floriculture;

(d) whether the Government have adopted organic products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce has identified following areas for organic cultivation:

State	Area	Item`
Assam	Siphajar	Paddy,
Tripura	Jumerdhepa	Pineapple
Manipur	Mao	Passion Fruit
West Bengal	Darjeeling	Honey
J&K	Jammu	Walnut
Madhya Pradesh	Indore, Jaora	Pulses, cereals.
Haryana	Sonepat, Sirsa	Paddy, Wheat, Sugarcane, Pulses
Maharashtra Nagpur,Ratnagiri	Bhusawal, Nasik	Mango,Banana Pulses
Tamil Nadu Kodai Canal	Gangoar Patti,	Fresh/Processed fruits/vegetables
Gujarat Fokdi	Junagadh,	Groundnut

Spices Board under Ministry of Commerce has identified following areas for the production of major organic spices.

State	Area	Item
Kerala District	Idukki & Wynad	Pepper, Ginger Turmeric, Clove Nutmeg.
Karnataka	Coorg & Shimoga	Pepper, Vanilla
Tamil Nadu	Nilgiris	Rosemary, Thyme Parsley,Orengano
Orissa	Phulbani	Turmeric, Ginger Mustard,Tamrind

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is promoting enhanced use of farmyard manure, compost and bio-fertilizers as an approach to Integrated Nutrients Management System.

(c): Organic agriculture is an holistic production management system which promotes and enhances agro-eco system health including bio-diversity, biological cycles and soil biological activities. Value is added to the organically produced food through certification by accredition agencies. In spices 20-30% increased return was realized by farmers from organically grown spices.

(d) & (e) A Steering Committee under the Ministry of Commerce has been set up tolook into the matters pertaining to accredition, certification, and promotion of organically grown products,.